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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTATION

Task Team VI -- Research and Development

Minutes of the Ninth Meeting, 2 June 1965

Members or Their Representatives Present

DEFENSE - Dr. Ruth Davis, Chairman

CIA - Mr. [REDACTED]

DIA - Mr. [REDACTED]

NSA - Mr. [REDACTED]

NAVY - Mr. Richard L. Bragan

ARMY - Mr. Norman J. Taupeka

Mr. Milton A. Lipton

CSS - Mr. [REDACTED]

1. Receiving no comments on the minutes of the last meeting, the Chairman indicated that the minutes were considered approved as written.

2. The Chairman reviewed with the Team what she had reported at the last CODIB meeting concerning Task Team VI. It was noted that the Team had not met since mid-March and that work is now being done by the Team to determine the federal organizational structure in the intelligence area which has an impact on the management of R&D by USIB members. Data on R&D personnel in the USIB Community as well as on general program areas and funding are being compiled. The Chairman estimated that a report would be provided CODIB in early August. The Chairman asked if this appeared to be a fair reflection of the status of the activities of the Team. The Team responded affirmatively and agreed that a report ought to be planned for submission to CODIB by August.

3. The Chairman then discussed possible contents of the report. It was suggested that the report might contain a description of the organization and structure of the R&D elements of the Intelligence Community and an allocation of R&D resources broken down by funds, personnel and management facilities. Additional detailed breakdowns of the

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resources might include: applications, capability (including equipment), operations (in terms of systems), user oriented systems, tactical, strategic and similar functions. The Team considered these various categorizations and agreed to think more on ways to group facts to provide a clear and meaningful report. In any event, it was agreed some indication of the total amount of R&D in intelligence data handling should be reflected.

4. The management aspects of R&D problems were considered by the Team. It was agreed that the management aspects should cover the spectrum from intelligence requirements to the final product. Perhaps examples in narrative form might be useful in this area as a part of the report.

5. The Team members contemplated various methods of collecting desired data and agreed that a statement of the desirability of such collection should be made part of the minutes and a requirement by the Team on each of its members. After consideration, the Team agreed that each agency represented should provide the following information for possible inclusion in the report to CODIB: (a) The agency organizational structure for research and development management of intelligence data handling as defined in Task Team VI Terms of Reference. This would include a general description down to laboratory levels, (b) estimate of personnel involved in the R&D management cycle along with their organizational affiliation, (c) total amount of funding by general program areas and by areas of application.

6. The Chairman also suggested that the report contain three additional sections: An isolation of the critical intelligence information processing areas which need R&D; identification of appropriate R&D goals in these areas and lastly; appropriate recommendations to CODIB concerning both actions that might be taken by various agencies as well as what continued interest CODIB should maintain in this area.

7. After these suggestions by the Chairman, discussion ensued concerning the details of the work still to be done; for example, the general depth of inquiry was questioned and it was agreed that the depth of the inquiry would in any event be shallow and the figures to be determined would be very general. In the case of DoD, the Chairman suggested that only RDT&E funds will be considered. The criteria to be used to associate and select those R&D programs within the Intelligence Community of interest to CODIB should end up in isolating only those R&D programs that had to do with information processing excluding data collection.

8. A question of what is a "resource" was carefully considered. It was clear that all resources that are within departmental funds and being programmed by regular government employees are part of the resources to be considered. The question came, however, when contractors were considered. The examples of questionable organizations were

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opinion on this point with some members feeling that to reflect accurately the total R&D resources, these kinds of groups ought to be included. It was finally agreed that for the purposes of funding, these kinds of resources would be included, but for the purposes of personnel structure decisions, they would not be.

9. The Chairman next provided the members with some working copies of a departmental organization chart as well as a DoD organization chart and requested any informal comments as to the usefulness of such charts. The Team generally agreed that they were useful and the Chairman indicated that these working charts would be more carefully prepared for the consideration of the Team as part of the report to CODIB.

10. The Secretary passed around for perusal about 200 single sheet documents that had been provided by SIE as a result of a request by the Secretary. The request had been made in terms of the eight application areas that had been isolated by the Team some months ago. For the purposes of searching, SIE regrouped these into four groups: Information or document storage and retrieval, language processing or translation, image or pattern recognition and predictive calculations. Some of the members requested copies of some of these groups and the Secretary announced that the complete package would be available at any time to the members or other interested parties in the CODIB Support Staff.

11. In closing the meeting, the Chairman asked if the Team would prefer to schedule another meeting date or continue working informally together for the next few weeks. The Team choose the latter course and the Chairman announced that the next date would be announced either as a result of a request from the Team members or at the end of about a four week period.

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